

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Johnson, if you would yield to a question. I followed your comments. I think you answered my question, but I'll try it again. It was back four or five years ago Senator Schmit and I had the bill that established the Pure Food Act. We caught a little trouble when we didn't exempt these county fair food operations. You will continue that exemption under this bill. Is that right?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: That is right. Under the bill it provides an exemption from such fees for temporary food service establishments, mobile food units, pushcarts, as well as for religious, charitable, fraternal organizations. I think that...

SENATOR WESELY: Okay.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...that would cover most groups that operate food services during county fairs and celebrations that communities may have. So I think it would answer your question as saying that we are trying to continue to see that that exemption stays in place.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. I would be real sure about that, Senator Johnson, as Senator Warner was chuckling back here and remembered back. Do any of you remember back about four or five years ago when we put this Pure Food Act in and all of a sudden all of the county fairs couldn't have their booths set up and serve any more. We caught about as much trouble as you could get. So I remember that. I hope that this doesn't cause that problem again. But I assume it is as you say, it looks like it, so I'm ready to go forward. I just want to warn you, Senator Johnson, that is all.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, would you like to close on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, very briefly I would just say that I'm sure the Department of Agriculture is aware of the concern that a lot of fraternal and religious organizations have had with the Pure Food Act. I'm sure that when Senator Wesely and Senator Schmit brought this act into existence, four or five years ago, that they did not mean to affect these groups adversely. Certainly we do not wish to do that today with this particular bill. As I said,